have been passed on the representation. These lands are now charged with kandayam at the same rate as those under the Cauvery river channel, under the impression that the channel was being fed from the Cauvery-Tippur channel *via* Bangara Doddi nala. This was the Subject No. 423 of the Dasara Representative Assembly in the year 1893 when the then Dewan had promised that that channel would be improved at a great cost. As nothing has as yet been settled it is prayed that the lands under the channel may be charged with the same rate of kandayam as those under the Lakshmanathirtha channel.

Reply of Government.—Having regard to the report of the Chief Engineer, the Revenue Commissioner will be asked to report if any temporary relief is called for, and, if so, in what form.

Subject No. 191.

Hittal Assessment.

Mr. Ingalagondi Santappa Setty of Yedahalli Sub-Taluk.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) It is requested that the maximum extent of 10 guntas of hittal land allowed free of assessment may be increased in the case of the malnad and any area in excess of the increased maximum assessed at dry rates.

(*b*) The rates of assessment at present obtaining on hittals which are over and above the prescribed maximum may be reduced, they being higher than bagayat rates.

Reply of Government.—This question was recently settled, and the rates adopted in 1903 cannot be altered.

Subject No. 192.

Assessment on Hittal and vacant sites.

Mr. C. Srinivasa Rao,
„ Patnagere Ranganna of Kadur Taluk.
„ Rama Iyengar.
„ Siddegowda.
„ Sonnegowda.

Summary of discussion.—(*a*) Under the recent rules, village site lands in villages other than Municipalities, occupied by houses and backyards attached thereto are not assessed if the house and attached backyard do not occupy more than 10 guntas. In most villages landholders who have no hittals attached to their houses store their fuel and hay in places detached from their houses. It is therefore requested that the rules may be so modified as to include such cases.

(*b*) Large landholders may be allowed half an acre of hittal land free of assessment as 10 guntas will not suffice for their requirements.

Mr. Srinivasa Rao thanked the Government for the recent order imposing dry rates on hittals.

Mr. Ranganna said that where there were no backyards other hittals might be allowed free of tax, and that the free grant of 10 guntas was too small.

Reply of Government.—The present rules have been well considered, and they may be left to work for the present.